## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The present application is a continuation of copending parent U.S. application serial no. 09/478,790. The present new continuation application is submitted to further prosecute new claims 1-7 presented as the original claims in the present new continuation application. New claims 1-3 are similar to the allowed claims in the parent of the present application except that those new claims 1-3 delete certain features, and thus more broadly present what applicants believe to be the patentable subject matter. New claims 4-7 are directed to a standalone computer type device, and are also believed to recite allowable subject matter.

Further, by the present preliminary amendment the specification is amended to reflect the status of the present continuation application, and the Abstract is amended in view of the current claims.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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